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SUBJECT: W/W YODER/HERSCHBERGER

1. INFORMATION BELOW SUPPLIED BY DR. OMAR YODER FOR
CONSUL RICHARDSON IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RELAYED BY
RICK MARIN.

2. CARRION'S SHIPPING FRIEND IS MAN IN CHARGE OF AIRLINE
OFFICE LOCATED IN CENTER OF CUENCA, TWO BLOCKS FROM
WHERE DELILAH PURCHASED TICKET, COLORS ORANGE AND
BLACK, NEAR SATURDAY MARKET.

3. CARRION'S WIFE WAS NOT PRESENT AT INITIAL MEETING.
DELILAH, JIM AND TOM MET CARRION BETWEEN TWO HOTELS WHILE
AMERICANS WERE READING A GUIDE BOOK IN EFFORT TO CHOOSE
HOTEL. CARRION SUGGESTED QUOTE MORE REASONABLE ACCOMO-
DATION END QUOTE. HE TOOK THEM IN HIS TRUCK TO THE
OTHER SIDE OF TOWN TO HOTEL HILTON AND HELPED THEM TO
GET SETTLED. HE ALSO INVITED THEM TO HIS FARM WHICH
IS LOCATED SOUTH EAST OF CUENCA ABOUT THREE AND ONE HALF
HOURS (IN TRUCK). AMERICANS PAID ONLY FOR FOOD. RETURN-
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ED AFTER FIVE DAYS TO CUENCA WENT SHOPPING WITH MRS.
CARRION. TOM LEFT YODER/HERSCHBERGER ON 8 MAY. TOM
STATES THAT JIM AND DELILAH HAD DINNER INVITATION AT
CARRIONS 8 MAY. FURTHER STATES DINNER ORIGINALLY

SCHEDULED SEVEN MAY BUT DUE CONFUSION INVITATION

POSTPONED. (IT IS POSSIBLE THAT DINNER INVITATION WAS DELAYED AS IT WAS KNOWN THAT TOM WAS LEAVING CUENCA ON 8 MAY AND TOM STATES THAT CARRION NEVER SEEMED AS INTERESTED IN TOM AS HE WAS IN JIM/DELILAH.)

4. TOM HOBBS SAYS HE KNOWS JIM HAD PAIR OF OFF WHITE CORDUROY SHORTS OR SWIMMING TRUKS WHICH HE WORE SWIMMING AT BOLO RANCH DURING VISIT WITH HOBBS.

5. TOM SAYS CARRION DISCUSSED MAKING QUOTE POTION END QUOTE BUT SAID HE DID NOT HAVE THE RIGHT INGREDIENTS. HOWEVER, CARRION ALLEGEDLY OFFERED HALLACINOGENIC MUSHROOMS WHICH TOM FELT WERE QUITE ORDINARY.

6. VACHENHUT HAS NO SOLID INFORMATION THAT JIM AND DELILAH WERE AT HOTEL HILTON AFTER MAY 14. HOWEVER, ECUADORIAN POLICE STATE THEY WERE THERE UNTIL 16 MAY.
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